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In Re U.S. Patent Application)

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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD
ALLOWING GAS FLOW INTO
AND/OR OUT OF CONTAINER
ASSEMBLIES**)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

IN THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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Please delete the Fig. 4a description.

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Please amend description of Fig. 6 as follows:

Fig. 6 is a detailed view of roughness values and textures that can be used in Fig. 4

a!